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The U.S. Department of Agriculture has a wide range of veterinary activities. These activities include research and regulatory programs concerned with the production and health of livestock and poultry. Veterinarians contribute significantly to the health and economy of the Nation by controlling diseases of livestock and poultry transmissible to man. Veterinarians assure the wholesomeness of meat and poultry products available to consumers. The Department is the largest single employer of veterinarians in the United States. Veterinarians have one of the major groups of professional employees of the Department. They are employed at about 1,000 locations throughout the United States.

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